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August 11, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, NW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Federal Communications Commission now has under review BellSouth's application to provide long-distance service to businesses and residential customers in the State of South Carolina. I am writing in support of BellSouth's application and to urge the Commission to approve it without delay.

On July 25, 1997, BellSouth's application was unanimously approved by the South Carolina Public Service Commission. The Public Service Commission certified that BellSouth has met the fourteen point competitive checklist included in the Federal Act and they affirmed that BellSouth's entry into the long-distance business is in the public's interest. I support the South Carolina Commission's decision.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of my letter.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

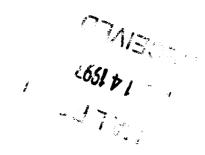
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The Honorable Reed Hundt Chairman, Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) now has under review Bell-South's application to provide long distance service to businesses such as Limestone College and residential customers in the state of South Carolina. I am writing in support of BellSouth's application and to urge the Commission to approve it without delay.

On July 25, 1997, BellSouth's application was unanimously approved (7-0) by the South Carolina Public Service Commission (PSC). The PSC certified that BellSouth has met the 14 point competitive checklist included in the Federal Act and they affirmed that BellSouth's entry into the long distance business is in the public interest. I support the South Carolina Commission's decision.

Provision of long distance service by BellSouth in South Carolina will increase competition, resulting in better prices, better service, more telecommunications choices for businesses and residential customers, and new information age jobs for workers throughout the state.

In light of the findings of the South Carolina Public Service Commission, I urge you to approve BellSouth's application as soon as possible. Approval will bring the citizens of South Carolina the very real benefits of new competition in the long distance market.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Best wishes!

President

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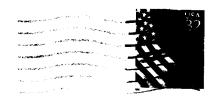
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